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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 27, 2006, of which this Reply is within the shortened two month statutory period for reply, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.